enumerated in the List II in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. However, article 252 of the Constitution provides that two or more States may pass resolutions in their respective State Legislatures and authorise Parliament to enact a Central legislation on a State subject. The Central Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs requested the State Governments to pass resolutions under article 252 of the Constitution for enactment of a new Prisons Act by the Central Government to replace the existing Prisons Act, 1894. However, having not received the requisite response from the State Governments, it circulated in September, 1999 a draft Model Prisons Management Bill among the State Governments for their consideration.

Rules relating to hoisting of National Flag

675. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rules relating to hoisting of National Flag by citizens on private buildings etc. have been liberalised recently;

(b) if so, the details of the fresh guidelines/do's and don'ts to be followed by the citizens; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to educate the common citizens of their responsibility to keep up the honour, dignity and the respect expected to be shown while flying the national tricolour and against its possible misuse towards commercial exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paragraph 2.1 of Section I of Part I of the Flag Code of India, 2002 which came into effect from January 26, 2002 explicitly states that there shall be no restriction on the display of the National Flag by members of general public, private organizations, educational institutions, etc., except to the extent provided in the Emblems & Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 and the Prevention of Insults to the National Honour Act, 1971 and any other law enacted on the subject. In consonance with the aforesaid provision, clauses (i) to (xiii) of paragraph 2.1 contains certain prohibitions. Paragraph 2.2 of Setion-I of Part-II contains do's and don'ts consistent with the dignity and honour of the flag. Copies of the Flag Code of India, 2002 have been placed in library of the Parliament House.

(c) Flag Code of India, 2002 has been given wide publicity through press and electronic media. The Code is also available on this Ministry's Website at http:/mha.nic.in. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has been requested to include the part relating to display of the National Flag by members of the general public and the conditions attached thereto in the syllabi of the schools etc. It is provided in Part II of the Flag Code of India, 2002 that the Flag shall not be used for commercial purposes in violation of the Emblem and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950.

Formation of a Common war zone by Naxalites

676. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the naxalites have formed a "common war zone" of which Orissa is a part;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of this zone; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures taken by Government to curb naxal activities in the declared zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per available information, left extremist groups are reported to have formed Andhra-Orissa Border Special Zonal Committee, comprising of some districts of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa to carve out a "Guerilla zone" in the area.

(c) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to curb left wing extremist activities in the States. However, keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing extremism, a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the States to check left extremist activities, monitors the plan of action in respect of each State and makes recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner,